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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

A Request for Continued Examination has been filed in the above-identified application. Prior to continued examination of this application, the Applicants respectfully request the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A structure in which a plurality of electrical equipments are arranged in a motor vehicle, comprising:

at least two electrical equipments selected from an engine control computer, a relay block, a junction box, an ABS actuator, and a meter unit; and

a vehicle body with a longitudinal centerline that defines a space including a generally centralized region as viewed in a direction of the width of the vehicle, said region extending symmetrically from both sides of the centerline for a distance which is no more than one-half the distance, measured in a direction normal to the centerline, between the centerline and a longitudinal axis of a brake booster disposed within the vehicle body,

wherein said at least two electrical equipments are concentrated in said generally central region of the space defined by the vehicle body.